

During a Gala event at the Westin Aruba Resort & Casino

Caribbean Speed Printing celebrates Persons of the Year 2008



The management and staff Caribbean Speed Printing N.V. is pictured closing the Gala Celebration for the most outstanding Arubans of 2008 at the Westin Aruba Resort & Casino.

Photo by Ruben Trappenberg



PALM BEACH – Caribbean Speed Printing N.V., the mother company of Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba celebrated the honoring of exceptional Arubans of 2008 in the stunning ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort and Casino this past Saturday night. Publisher Mr. John Chemaly Sr. and his lovely wife Glenda welcomed invited guests to the gala event. The Guest Speaker was the Lt. Governor, Mr. Glenn Thode, who gave an inspiring address to the invited guests

and VIP award winners. Caribbean Speed Printing N.V. Managing Director John Chemaly Jr. and General Manager Grace Mary Maduro awarded the individuals and group who received

outstanding recognition from the management and staff of Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba.

Receiving the great distinction of “Shon Shoco” award which translates to the Wise



Owl was received by one of Aruba's greatest musicians Etty Toppenberg. The Man of the Year recognition was

given to Javier Wolter who unfortunately was not able to attend the event.

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The Woman of the Year recognition was given to Mrs. Audrey for her incredible dedication to the community and those less unfortunate. Kieran Celaire joined the winners' circle by receiving the recognition of Sportsman of the Year for his dedication and discipline in basketball. The Artist of the Year award was rewarded to Janiro Esiden who put Papiamento on the map in regards to hot rap music. Janiro's gentle and sincere lyrics presented in Rap music have made international headlines. Esiden asked the audience to continue



to promote our language Papiamento and support new music artists who promote Papiamento. The Exemplary Award was given for the first time ever to a well deserved group from Barrio Playa Pabao who introduced a new wave of support to neighborhoods in need, especially Madiki who are affected most by floods as a result of excessive raining.

A very special recognition was given to one of Aruba's most loved individuals Percy Irausquin who made headlines around the world in the Fashion industry. The beloved Percy passed away last year after a shocking accidental death. God Bless Percy and his family and his mark on the earth will never be forgotten.

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